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Dr. Morton communicated the results of the measurements of forty-five adult negro crania, in order to ascertain the internal capacity of the skull and consequent size of the brain in the African race. These skulls were those of negroes born in Africa, of the Bassa, Grabbo, Makoua, Benguela, Mina and other tribes. They consist of 25 males and 20 females, varying from 18 to 50 years of age. The largest heads in the series, three in number, give ninety-nine cubic inches of internal capacity; the smallest head, that of a Makoua, 68 cubic inches. The mean of the whole series gave eighty-five cubic inches.

Dr. Morton added, that he was not yet prepared to give a decided opinion in relation to the comparative size of the European and Negro brains, but so far as his observations had gone, he believed the former would be found to exceed the latter by at least seven cubic inches.

The measurements adverted to give the absolute size of the brain, and were conducted on the plan described at page 7 of these Proceedings.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 1841.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.—A letter was read from the Rev. William Cogswell, corresponding Secretary of the Northern Academy of Arts and Sciences, at Hanover, New Hampshire, soliciting for that Institution a portion of the published transactions of this Society. Whereupon the committee

of publication were instructed to furnish Dr. Coggsell with volumes VI. and VII., and Part I. of Vol. VIII., together with the Proceedings of the Academy as far as published.

A letter was also read from Dr. Edwin Fussell, dated Pendleton, Indiana, December 5th, announcing that he had transmitted a box of Fossil Organic remains for the cabinet of the Academy, and tendering his services in collecting in several other departments of Natural History.

The chairman then called the attention of the members to the importance of publishing, without delay, and in accordance with a former resolution, the second part of volume VIII. of the Journal of the Academy. He stated that several highly important memoirs awaited the Society's acceptance, which together with those already in the hands of the committee, were amply sufficient to form a half volume.